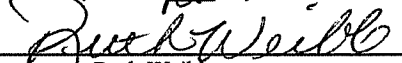


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2008. The three month period for response expired October 15, 2008. Applicant's undersigned representative respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks to be considered with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. The applicant requests a two month extension of time to file this amendment to December 15, 2008. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0172 in the amount of \$245 for payment of the two month extension of time 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2), and \$405 for RCE 37 CFR 1.114 §1.17(e). It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response. However, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.

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